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SC rejects PIL seeking 'renaming commission'

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a PIL seeking setting up of a 'renaming commission' to restore original names of ancient, cultural and religious places renamed by invaders, saying India can't be a prisoner of the past. A bench questioned the motive behind the PIL filed by lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay, saying, "Our country is secular and Hinduism is a way of life, which has assimilated everyone and there is no bigotry in it" | P11

CHHATTISGARH

Green Growth

New Paradigm of Development

The Chhattisgarh Government has conceptualised a new model of development which focuses on agriculture, the mainstay of the nation's GDP. It has done this by looking at rural development in a holistic manner, by not merely including agriculture, but also forest produce and the dairy revolution.

Few states in the country have been able to do this and also ensure zero waste in the process. The Chhattisgarh model of development is one that centres on the village as a unit of profit. It also looks at the farmer as one who is innovative, dynamic and entrepreneurial. The farmer is also seen as the font of traditional wisdom of water conservation and tree plantation. The result is there for all to see: there is record foodgrain production and a high number of farmers who have benefited.

INCENTIVIZING AGRICULTURE

Record Foodgrain Production

Total input subsidy: ₹16,415 Cr

Total number of farmer beneficiaries: ₹25.93 Lakh

- ₹10,000 per acre input subsidy for promoting tree plantation and crop diversification
- Narva scheme, reviving traditional model of water conservation

RECOGNIZING FOREST RIGHTS

Ensuring Livelihood & Conservation of Forests

Total MFP Procurement: 1.5 Lakh ton

Total payment: ₹345 Cr

- Forest right titles to 5 lakh families over 98 lakh acres of forest land
- Procurement of highest minor forest produce at highest MSP
- 76 per cent contribution to country's total minor forest produce collection

COWDUNG AND GAUMUTRA

Revolutionizing Organic Farming

Recycling and reuse is ingrained in our ethos. The cow, for instance, is not only a source of food but also a beloved member of the family. And it is an animal that gives milk; artisanal cheese; cowdung, which is emerging as a source of energy; and gaumutra which is seen as a curative and pesticide by many. This is not merely a way of doing business but it is a way of living, which the Chhattisgarh Government has recognised and elevated, rightly so. When Mahatma Gandhi spoke of Gram Swaraj, this is the vision he had, of a modern, productive unit contributing to India's economy and finding ways to enhance that. There are 3.10 lakh cattle farmers in the state and the total collection of cowdung is 9.48 lakh tons.

105.63 lakh quintal
cow Dang purchased so far

415.19 crore
Total paid to cattle herders so far

INSTITUTIONAL PURCHASE OF COWDUNG AND GAUMUTRA

COWDUNG REPURPOSED INTO 2 LAKH TON VERMICOMPOST & 54,000 TON SUPER COMPOST

40,000 LITRES OF GAUMUTRA CONVERTED INTO ORGANIC PESTICIDE

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